1732. [Transferred to Hth May 1993)

Military Links b'tween US and PAK

1733. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA;

SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:

Will the Mini.ter of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US Government havt requested for visit of Army's to Sia hen;

(b) whether Gt vernment are aware of the continuoi 3 military links between US and Pakistan and of
holding joining military exercises with the Pak Army Commando (SSG);

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has bee i consistantly using SSG as a spear h :ad against India in its attempt to di; lodge Indian forces at Siachen; and

(d) if so, whai is the reaction of the Government with regard to the US-Pa k military ties in so far as India's bilateral 'elation with the Government of US is concerned?

THE MINISTEI: OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHUR-SHEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The US ani Pakistan have a long-standing cooperation involving their armed for ;es. A US commando team anc Pakistan's SSG personnel conduded a joint trainig exercise in the an a of Attock during February 7. Marc i 3, 1993.

(c) Pakistan h; I deployed in the past its SSG personnel in operations against Indian tro ps In the Siachen area,

(d) Goverment monitor all developments having a bearing on India's security including the ongoing miliary cooperation b< tween the US and Pakistan which ir the past had in-cluded transfer <f major weapons systems to Pakislan.

Government have conveyed its concern to all concerned, includig the US, regarding Pakistan acquiring military capabilities beyond its legitimate defence requirements.

Holding back of fishing funds by SCICI

@;734. SHRI MENTAY PADMA-NABHAM; Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times dated the 25th March, 1993 captioned "SCICI holding back ashing sector funds";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is the reaction oi Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that the SCICI held discussions with Ministry of Food Processing Industires regarding the revival of deep-sea fishery sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, what are the details of this discussion; and

(e) whether officials of SCICI sought to dissuade the Ministry of Food processing Industries from making efforts to revive the sick fishery sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In general, the news item highlights an accusation by the deep-sea fishing industry that SCICI is not playing a positive role in reviving the sick deep sea fisheing industry and that the rehabilitation package earlier announced, is inadequate. The Government is seized of the problems of the deep sea fishing industry and has constituted a Technical Committee t.-j look into the same and suggest remedial measures.

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